“I assume the responsibility of my own actions and I promise to uphold the honor code of First Colonial High School by neither giving nor receiving help of any kind on any quiz, test, exam, or other assignment that I am asked to do on my own.” **COPYING A CLASSMATE’S ANSWERS – OR *ALLOWING A CLASSMATE TO COPY YOUR ANSWERS* CONSTITUTES A CLEAR VIOLATION OF THE HONOR CODE PLEDGE.**

HONOR CODE PLEDGE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ BLOCK: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**US-VA HISTORY: HISTORICAL ESSAY – MEASUREABLE GROWTH RESPONSE SHEET**

**SCORES: (4) – Expert (3) – Proficient (2) – Emerging (1) – Novice**

Throughout American History, the expansion of democracy has been a crucial factor in changing our nation’s society. Consider the numerous ways in which democratic participation has increased during the years we study in this course: from the parameters established in the Constitution, to expansion of suffrage for all white men in the Age of Jackson. Even greater changes would follow during the Reconstruction Era, to the Progressive Era, to the Civil Rights Movement and beyond. In the form of a well-developed essay including a thesis, supporting details, and a conclusion, answer the following question:

**How has our nation’s democracy expanded over time, and how has gaining suffrage allowed groups of people to play a more active role in the culture, the economy, and the government of the United States of America?**

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